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Chuck D (left) is the first-ever recipient of the Soulsville Foundation's Power of Music Honors' "Reverb Award," presented on May 2, 2025, at the Stax Museum of American Soul Music in Memphis, Tenn. Presenting the award is legendary former Stax songwriter/artist David Porter. (Photo credit: Claire James)

Chuck D receives first-ever Soulsville Foundation Power of Music honor

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 5, 2025 /PRNewswire/ -- "I grew up on my mom's Stax records and to this day am still in total and complete awe of the talent, the genius, and the legacy that came out of the soul of Memphis. I am humbled beyond any words to receive this honor and I share it with everyone who came before me, stands alongside me now and will follow us all in the future. Thank you, Soulsville Foundation," said

hip-hop icon Chuck D of Public Enemy upon receiving the Soulsville Foundation's first-ever Power of Music Honors "Reverb Award," presented at the historic Stax Museum of American Soul Music on May 2, 2025.

"Chuck D has utilized his platform to transcend the sequestered space of musicians as entertainment," Soulsville Foundation CEO Pat Mitchell Worley

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Sidney Chism invites families, friends churches, and all to celebrate the 25th Annual Community Picnic on June 7th

By Mr. Sidney Chism

It's that time of the year again when many from all community segments come together for a day filled with activities for the entire family. Over the past 40-plus years, I have worked tirelessly to represent this Community and take a stand for the citizens of Shelby

County. As a former Shelby County Board of Commissioners and Tennessee State Senator, and serving as the top union official with the Teamsters, I continue to focus on the many needs of our Community.

This year will be our 25th Anniversary, as we host our Annual Community Picnic. It will be held on Saturday, June 7th, 12 noon—5 p.m., in the park behind the Horn Lake Learning Center, located at 3657 New

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Horn Lake Rd, Memphis, TN 38109.

To reserve your tent space, be sure to do so by Wednesday, May 21, 2025, at 6:00 PM, with payments made in advance (please refrain from placing any signs on the fence without approval). Vendor setup will take place on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM ONLY, and we kindly request that no signs be placed on entrance gates.

We invite all churches, businesses, both small and large, and

non-profit organization to participate as vendors by reserving booth spaces for \$250. Vendors must provide their own 10 x 10 tent.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with our friendly event coordinators at (901)870-2085 or via text at (901)567-0204. Payments can be made by check to Sidney's Friends, sent to 5335 Bethune Cove, Memphis, TN 38109, or we can pick them up.

Thank you for your incredible support! "I can't wait to see you as I celebrate my 25th Anniversary."

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Ashton Hardaway returns to Memphis to rewrite his history

Son returns home to play for father Penny Hardaway

MEMPHIS, Tenn. – Ashton Hardaway is coming home.

The 6-foot-8 forward is rejoining the Memphis Tigers men's basketball program for the 2025-26 season, returning to play for his father and head coach, Penny Hardaway.

After a year away playing for Saint Mary's, Hardaway returns to the Bluff City with a renewed drive and a mission in mind: to rewrite his Memphis story.

Hardaway, a Carson, California native and former four-star recruit in the class of 2023, began his collegiate career at Memphis in the 2023-24 season. As a freshman, he averaged 2.3 points and 0.8 rebounds in 8.2 minutes per game, while shooting 33.3% from beyond the arc. He played alongside his brother, Jayden Hardaway, during a campaign that saw the Tigers reach as high as No. 10 in the AP Top 25 before finishing 22-10 and missing the postseason.

He made an early impact in his first season, notably scoring 17 points on five made 3-pointers in a breakout performance against Michigan at the Battle 4 Atlantis in the Bahamas. Despite that early highlight, Hardaway's production tapered off and he never scored more than eight points in a game for the remainder of the season.

After transferring to Saint Mary's for the 2024-25 season, Hardaway played a reserve role for a Gaels team that finished 29-6, claimed the West Coast Conference regular season championship and earned a No. 5 seed in the NCAA Tournament. He appeared in 33 games as a sophomore and averaged 2.1 points and 1.2 rebounds in 9.5 minutes per game, connecting on 31% of his three-point attempts (13-of-42). His best outing came on January 29, when he tallied nine points in a road win over Santa Clara.

Coming out of high school, he

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